

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer.
Add new claims 11-26 as shown in the attached appendix.

REMARKS

In the present Office Action, claims 1-10 were examined. Claims 1-10 were rejected. By this amendment, claims 1-10 have been cancelled and corresponding claims 11-26 have been added. Accordingly, claims 11-26 are presented for further examination. No new matter has been added. Claims 11-26 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Use of the terms "calcinated" and "calcination" are the result of a poor translation from the original application. Replacement of these terms with --sintered-- and --sintering-- is made to be consistent with the terminology of the rest of the specification. Deletions of the word "preferably" have been done for reasons related to patentability.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-10 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Specifically, the Examiner noted that the claims were generally narrative in nature, that the expression "the educts" was lacking antecedent basis, the subscripts "x", "y", "z" and "a" in claim 1 were not adequately defined, the use of "preferably" in claims 3, 4, 6, 7,